

Assistant Director for Operations

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Chief, Foreign Documents Division

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ADMINISTRATION

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1. As of 28 February the total personnel on duty was [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] is conducting a weekly seminar in conversational Arabic under the auspices of the Office of Training.
3. One member of FDD was selected for casting in a training film to be produced by the Office of Training.
4. In planning for future activation of the Armed Services Document Information Center (ASDIC), it was recommended that four additional military position slots be set aside for CIA.
5. Approval was received from OO for the Division to work 1,000 hours overtime per pay period, exclusive of Project [REDACTED] up to the end of fiscal 1955.
6. Plans are under way to institute a course in remedial English for persons in the Division requiring such training.
7. With the departure of [REDACTED] from the Division for an indefinite period, [REDACTED] was named Acting Chief of Western World Branch.

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8. [REDACTED] FDD received an award of \$15.00 for a meritorious suggestion proposing preparation of a form for FDD abstracts.

OPERATIONS

1. The 43rd and 44th meetings of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications were held 11 and 25 February, respectively. The review of the scientific and technical program was completed. It was agreed to expand the "Science News Items" to include new organizations, changes in organizations, new identification of scientists and institutions, new assignments of scientists, nominations and election of scientists to academies, awards and Stalin prizes, and deaths of scientists. The rest of the scientific and technical program will be continued as at present.

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The "Selected Briefs From the International Press" was reviewed and it was agreed to remove two categories: Resistance and Sabotage, and Orbit Security Police Activities; these subjects will be covered in the respective area reports. There were no emendations to the draft of the "Foreign Publications Exploitation Review"; the study will be prepared for final reproduction and dissemination by FDD.

The USSR program was reviewed and the following additions or changes were agreed upon: to add a semiannual index of Vedomosti; to eliminate coverage of primary and secondary education and expand coverage of higher education; to add coverage of Sovetskiy Flot to the military report. Working-level meetings will be held to determine whether any local details can be omitted from reporting on domestic trade, and labor and manpower.

The next meeting will be held 11 March; the agenda will be a review of the China program.

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3. Several discussions were held with [REDACTED] by Chief, FDD, and [REDACTED] in supplying information necessary to [REDACTED] survey of the problem of propaganda analysis.

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4. On 10 February, Chief, FDD, gave a presentation to the DD/I Working Group for Information Handling on FDD facilities for and methodology used in the collection of information.

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5. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] of Industrial Register, OCD, were briefed by Chief, FDD, on division facilities and operations. Arrangements were made to have key FDD personnel briefed on IR operations.

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6. Reference to the CTS Index prevented 41 cases of duplication totaling 1,169 pages.

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7. [REDACTED] Chief, USSR Branch, had conferences with all branches and staffs of ORR to discuss the effectiveness of the FDD program vis-a-vis ORR needs. [REDACTED] also held an exploratory conference with Chief, HQM/QIS, and staff on USSR Branch facilities and possible support for DD/P needs.

8. Commendations:

From Director of Logistics for emergency translation of a French document by [REDACTED]

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From Operations Staff, OSI, for Report U-6821 "Self Recording Compensation Isophotometer" prepared by [REDACTED] FDD.

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From OSI for [REDACTED] "USSR Trends in Research on Proteins."

From Consumer Industries Branch, ORR, to the Hungarian, Polish, and Bulgarian sections, Eastern Europe Branch, for support of ORR requirements.

From Acting Chief, TSS, for the monthly information reports on Indochina.

9. Liaison activities:

Department of State

With Division of Research for Far East to discuss program guidance for the FDD Burma and Thailand reports.

With Division of Research for the USSR to discuss a State Department requirement for agricultural information.

Department of Defense

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[REDACTED] in OSI Requirement.

10. Special services rendered:

ORR

For the ORR Reading Panel, on-the-spot exploitation of 34 pages of Hungarian concerning Hungary-Pakistan trade.

For Economic Defense Division, a rapid review of Satellite press for information on copper shortages; the information is to be used in discussions concerning reinstatement by US allies of embargo on copper wire shipments to bloc countries.

OIS

For RQM/OIS, a rapid review of Czech and Hungarian press for attacks on US by bloc delegates to World Council of Churches meeting at Evanston, Illinois, 15 - 31 August 1954.

NSA

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The services of [REDACTED] FDD, were loaned to NSA during the month for a special project on China.

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A survey of Satellite press (1953-54) was conducted to determine emphasis on Russian-language teaching in bloc countries.

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For Administration and Training Staff, an oral examination in German was conducted to determine an individual's ability to perform interrogations in German.

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11. Significant reports:

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[REDACTED] -- "USSR Trends in Work on Hydrocarbons and the Combustion of Hydrocarbons"

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[REDACTED] "Atomic Power Generating Plant Built in USSR"

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[REDACTED] "World's First Atomic Power Plant in the USSR"

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[REDACTED] "Analysis by Liu Shao-chi of the Domestic and Foreign Situation"

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[REDACTED] "The Chinese Communist Military Posture With Respect to Offensive Strategy Against Taiwan"

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Enclosures: 2

1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
2. Details on Personnel Actions

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